

## Today's News - October 20, 2006

Architecture for good causes in a pop-up store in Chicago and the Pop!Tech conference for brainiacs. – Reinventing, honoring, and discovering history in South Africa, Pittsburgh, and the University of Virginia. – Two takes on Edinburgh's makeover madness (and links to related stories). – Perhaps there are lessons in Reston Town Center, "a mix of outstanding accomplishments and missed opportunities." – Atlanta puts plans for Calatrava arts center on pause. – Plans for a themed development in Plano, TX has New Zealand Maoris more than mumbling. – Manhattan's dreary Hospital Row finally has a "splendid" addition. – Holl wins big in China. – Hadid takes on "an architectural world that once seemed dominated by men and straight lines." – Nearing his 99th year, Niemeyer remains the modest, charming workaholic. – There's nothing new about security influencing architecture; the danger is "to make architectural decisions based on the threat of the moment without regard to the long-term consequences of those decisions." – Design's "night of glamour" is still a work in progress. – A shortlist of designs that reinvent the bike shed. – One we couldn't resist: RIP: pink plastic flamingos (or maybe not).

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[\(Product\) Red "Pop-Up" Store: A temporary retail store in the heart of Chicago is all heart for a good cause.](#) – WalkerGroup with Motorola [images]- ArchNewsNow

[Pop! Till You Drop: For a decade, Pop!Tech has brought together luminaries, wizards, writers, entrepreneurs, and other brainiacs to try to outthink the world's problems. This year's no different.](#) – Cameron Sinclair/Architecture for Humanity; Nicholas Gilliland/Gaston Tolila- Fast Company

[Remaking history: South Africa's dynamic new museums are not just showcasing the past - they are reinventing the country's identity](#) -- Noero Wolff- New Statesman (UK)

[Ground broken for August Wilson Center for African American Culture](#) -- Allison G. Williams/Perkins & Will [image]- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

[Tiny modern nod: Shadowy plan honors slaves' history: It looks like a different kind of ground-breaking...is going to result in a departure from Jeffersonian design that the disgruntled architects had hoped for...As part of the South Lawn landscape design, the Kitty Foster site will be recognized with a sort of living sculpture...](#) -- Polshek Partnership; Moore Rubel Yudell; David Neuman; Walter Hood- The Hook (Virginia)

[Makeover mood is rampant in capital: So just what is happening and where?](#) -- Norman Foster; Gillespies; Allan Murray- Edinburgh Evening News

[£200m vision to fill the gap: Two major new hotels are to be created at one of the most notorious eyesores in \[Edinburgh\] city centre...next to Haymarket Station.](#) -- Richard Murphy- The Scotsman (UK)

[Commentary: Reston Town Center: a downtown for the 21st century? ...a mix of outstanding accomplishments and missed opportunities. By Philip Langdon](#) -- Sasaki Associates; Robert A.M. Stern- New Urban News

[Plans for Midtown symphony hall pause: Fund-raising for multimillion-dollar, avant-garde Woodruff Arts Center stalls; Arts Center CEO reassesses location, design with trustees, donors.](#) -- Santiago Calatrava- Atlanta Journal-Constitution

[New Zealand Maoris furious over plans for a themed apartment complex in Texas: ..."Kia Ora Park"...\\$30m, 15-acre, 250-apartment complex...](#)- The Art Newspaper

[A Postmodern Hospital Rises Uptown: There is no law that hospitals have to look ugly or off-putting. Weill Cornell Medical College's new Ambulatory Care and Medical Education Building...stands splendidly forth in all its post-modernist inscrutability...exhibits a reassuring, even consoling self-confidence. By James Gardner](#) -- Polshek Partnership- New York Sun

[Steven Holl Architects wins invited competition for 'Floating Skyscraper' in Shenzhen, China](#) [images]- Archinect

[What Hadid Has Done for Architecture: An interview with the 2004 Pritzker Prize winner](#)- Wall Street Journal

[Oscar Niemeyer leaves lasting imprint on homeland: And his country has given back, turning him into a living legend and, arguably, the most celebrated Brazilian alive...weeks away from his 99th birthday on Dec. 15, remains the modest, charming workaholic he has been throughout his career, which spans more than seven decades. \[slide show\]](#)- Mercury News (California)

[The Architecture of Security: From medieval castles to modern airports, security concerns have always influenced architecture...It's dangerously shortsighted to make architectural decisions based on the threat of the moment without regard to the long-term consequences of those decisions.](#)- Wired

[Design's Night of Glamour: On Oct. 18, Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum presented the 2006 National Design Awards. But behind the sparkle is a work in progress](#) -- Paolo Soleri; Paola Antonelli; Syd Mead; Thom Mayne; 2X4; Michael Gabellini; Martha Schwartz; Stumpf; Marianne Cusato/Katrina Cottage; Craig Robins; Nike [slide show]- BusinessWeek

[Cooper-Hewitt Announces Winners of 7th Annual National Design Awards](#) -- Paolo Soleri; Paola Antonelli; Syd Mead; Thom Mayne; 2X4; Michael Gabellini; Martha Schwartz; Stumpf; Marianne Cusato/Katrina Cottage; Craig Robins; Nike [images, links]- Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum

[Floating bike pod up for award: ...among the three shortlisted entries in an international competition to reinvent the bike shed...exhibition of the competition, organised by Fielden](#)

[Clegg Bradley Architects. opens at the New London Architecture gallery. next week. -- David Eburah; Robert Linn; Antony Lau \[image, link\]- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[RIP: Pink Flamingo, 1957-2006: Florida-inspired icon that has been reviled as kitschy bad taste and revered as retro cool, is dead at age 49...Production ended in June, and the plant is scheduled to close Nov. 1...seeking another company to buy the molds.- South Florida Sun-Sentinel](#)



[-- Exhibition: CO-EVOLUTION, Danish Architecture Center, Copenhagen, Denmark](#)  
[-- Foster and Partners: Hearst Tower, New York, NY](#)

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